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LETTER OF THE POSTMASTER GENERAL

TO THE

CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT, D. C.  
Giving the grounds on which he denies their legal authority to issue a mandamus, commanding him to credit Messrs. Stockton & Stokes, and others, with a certain sum of money awarded them by the late Solicitor of the Treasury.

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Again: There are several provisos to the act limiting the power of the Solicitor. One of them is as follows, viz: Provided, the said Solicitor is not authorized to make any allowance "for any suspension or withholding of money as aforesaid, for allowances or overpayments made as aforesaid, on the route from Baltimore to Washington, under the contract of 1827." It, instead of 1827, the year 1831 had been used in this proviso, it would have covered a part of the allowances embraced in the award. Had it done so and had the award embraced that or any other allowance prohibited by the proviso, would it not have been the duty of the Postmaster General to refuse the credit and payment? It cannot be doubted. But how could he ascertain whether the allowance was prohibited by the proviso or not? Could he do it in any other way than by examining the allowance and comparing it with the proviso? If, in his opinion, it were prohibited, he would refuse to pay it—if not, he would pay it. And is there not discretion here? May he not pay, or refuse to pay, according to his opinion of the power of the Solicitor to make the allowance.

On these points there can be no doubt that the Postmaster General has a discretion. But what is the difference between his right to determine whether the Solicitor has transcended his power on specific points or in his award generally? Had he not a discretion to refuse to pay the whole award, or any part of it if he honestly believed it contrary to law? If, on looking at the law and the award, he found that the Solicitor had departed from his authority altogether, it cannot be doubted that he had a right under the law, and that it would have been his duty, to decline carrying it into effect.

This is not a case, therefore, where a specific duty is enjoined by law, in the performance of which there is no discretion, such as the payment of a definite sum of money, the registering of a certificate, or the recording of a patent, and consequently it is not a proper case for a mandamus.

2. It seems to be conceded, that, under existing laws, a writ of mandamus can be issued by a Court only as a means of exercising its jurisdiction, and not for the purpose of obtaining jurisdiction.

Let us apply the principle to this case. The jurisdiction of every court must be original or appellate. Original jurisdiction is where, by authority of the Constitution and laws, proceedings are originated in the court in the first instance. Appellate jurisdiction is where, by authority of the same Constitution and laws, a case is taken out of a lower tribunal into a higher, with a view to a revision of the proceedings of an inferior court.

In this case the Circuit Court of the District had no original jurisdiction to adjudicate upon the claims of the contractors. There was no mode known to the laws by which they could prosecute those claims in any court whatsoever. Congress created a special tribunal for that purpose. They made the Solicitor of the Treasury a chancellor for the special object, and clothed him with power to take evidence and adjudicate upon the claims of the contractors. No other court on earth could have entertained this case.

Nor was any appeal from the decision of this special court provided for by the law which created it. Neither the Circuit Court of this District, nor the Supreme Court of the United States, nor any other judicial tribunal, had power to bring up the case from the Solicitor of the Treasury, either before or after his award, and revise his proceedings. No judge could take from, or add to, the amount of his award, nor has any judge the legal power to say, whether that officer decided according to law or against law. The Solicitor's power in this case was equal to that conferred on the Supreme Court of the United States in cases subjected to its jurisdiction, and above that of the Circuit Court for the District of Columbia from which there is an appeal. The Solicitor had as much power under the law which gave him jurisdiction, to issue a mandamus to bring before him, for consideration or revision, a case acted on in the District Court or the Supreme Court, as either of them has to issue a mandamus to an inferior court for consideration or revision a case decided in his court; and he has as much right to interpose a mandamus to execute their judgment as they have.

How, then, do the Circuit Court get jurisdiction in this case? Not by the law, for the law gives them none, either original or appellate. They obtain it by the mandamus, and by that only.

Is it said that they do not claim jurisdiction to inquire into and revise the Solicitor's award? What, then, does their jurisdiction amount to? What "case" is this, where the jurisdiction is not to inquire into, to revise, to adjudge, but merely to execute? In the ordinary routine of judicial proceedings, "the case" comes first, the "suit" follows, and "judgment" closes the rear. Here it is not a "case," nor a "suit," of which the Court takes cognizance, but a "judgment." It is the judgment and the award of another independent court, upon the proceedings of which the law gives neither resort nor appeal to the District Court.

And if the Court do not intend to look into the award of the Solicitor, to ascertain whether it be according to law or against law, what do they mean by calling on the Postmaster General to give his reasons for not carrying it into execution? If they mean any thing by such a call, it must be that they will consider the reasons which may be adduced by him, and decide whether they be sufficient or not. Suppose the Postmaster General were to allege that the Solicitor had considered and allowed claims which he was not authorized to allow by the act of Congress from which he derived his authority. If this were true, it would certainly be a good reason for not paying the award. But could the Circuit Court inquire into their truth?

Whence do they derive the power to inquire or decide whether the Solicitor allowed too much or too little; whether he adhered to the law or transcended the law; whether he awarded to the claimants a just compensation for services actually rendered, or heaped upon them tens and hundreds of thousands, without shadow of contracts or pretence of service? Nothing would seem more plain, than that the Court have no power to call for books and papers, or summon witnesses, or consider statements, with a view of deciding whether the award of the Solicitor be right or wrong. If they have no such power, it is palpable that they cannot make any examinations, and come to any decision which can exonerate the Postmaster General from executing the award, however illegal or monstrous may be the allowances which it sanctions.

Is not this absence of power to consider that which may be a good reason for the Postmaster General's refusal to execute the award, the strongest possible proof that the Court have no authority to institute their present proceedings? It will be admitted by all, that if the Postmaster General could show that the award was illegal or corrupt, it would be a good excuse for not carrying it into effect until it could be revised by some superior tribunal. But this Court, not being clothed by law with power to consider those points, has no authority to judge of the legality or reasonableness of the Postmaster General's excuse, although they may be such as not only to justify him, but to entitle him to commendation.

No man will deny that cases may and do arise, in which an executive officer is perfectly justifiable in refusing to perform a specific act required of him by law. In these cases, he is responsible to his superior and to Congress, but not to the Courts. If the Postmaster General were directed by express law to pay \$50,000 to a contractor, and should, before doing so, discover that the passage of the act of Congress had been procured by false and fabricated testimony, it would be his duty to refuse payment

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until the whole subject could be again brought under the revision of Congress. Yet the law might be plain and peremptory in its terms, leaving him no discretion. Might not this Court, upon the principles laid down by them, grant a mandamus to the claimants? Could they, in such a proceeding, inquire into and revise the act of Congress, or would they peremptorily order and forcibly compel the Postmaster General to execute the law, the fraud notwithstanding? If he had no "discretion," and they no power of revision, such must be their decision.

Hence it is inferred, that the Court has no jurisdiction of this case in law, and can only obtain what they may exercise by their mandamus; a proof that a writ of mandamus will not lie in such a case.

### FOURTH REASON.

The Court have ordered the Postmaster General to perform a LEGAL IMPOSSIBILITY.

A mandamus is a command to do a specific act. The specific act ordered to be done in this case is to credit the relators with a full amount of the Solicitor's award. A credit can only be given by an entry upon some book in which their accounts are lawfully kept.

No accounts are kept with contractors in the Post Office Department, nor has the Postmaster General the custody or control of the books in which they are kept. All the accounts of the Post Office Department are kept in the Treasury Department by the Auditor, created for that purpose by the act of July 21, 1826. That officer is appointed by the President and Senate; and so far is he from being dependent on the Postmaster General, that his clerks are appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury. To his office have been transferred long since all the accounts, and the books connected with them, formerly kept by the Postmaster General.

By advertising to the fact that the act for the relief of the Messrs Stockton & Stokes, and that to change the organization of the Post Office Department, passed on the same day, the occasion of this practicable discrepancy between them will be understood. The former was drawn with reference to the organization of the Department at the time of its introduction into Congress. Then the Postmaster General kept the accounts, and the entries in the books were his entries. He had the legal power and authority to give a credit to the contractors in this case. But this power and authority was taken from him by another act on the day the act for their relief passed.

That the act now in question was not altered so as to accommodate it to the change, and require the credit to be given by the new Auditor instead of the Postmaster General, was doubtless an inadvertence; but it is one which the legislative authority alone can correct. As the law stands, the Postmaster General has just as much authority to make entries in the books of the Second, Third, and Fourth Auditors, as he has in those of the Auditor created by the act of 1826.

Hence the Court will perceive that they have ordered the Postmaster General to do that which he cannot lawfully do—to enter a credit or credits on books of which he has neither the custody nor control.

These views the undersigned submits to the Court with much confidence in their soundness. He thinks it is shown:

1. That it is the function of the Executive "to take care that the laws," special as well as general, "be faithfully executed;" and that of the Judiciary to expound such as require it; that to the President of the United States, and not to the courts of justice, belongs the duty of directing and controlling all executive officers in the performance of their official duties; and that when the courts interpose to control them, they assume an executive function, invade the province of the President, and subvert the constitutional assignment of powers.

2. That Congress have not conferred or attempted to confer on the Circuit Court for the District of Columbia authority to issue a writ of mandamus, for the purpose of controlling executive officers in the performance of their duties, whether general or specific; that the Postmaster General is an executive officer; that in the matter upon which this proceeding has originated, he has acted in that capacity; and that he is not lawfully controllable therein by a writ of mandamus.

3. That in the case before the court, the Postmaster General had a clear and undoubted discretion, in the exercise of which he is amenable to no judicial tribunal; and that the Court, having no jurisdiction of the matter in question, either original or appellate, cannot lawfully court and obtain it by a mandamus.

4. That the Court have ordered the Postmaster General to do that which he has no lawful power to do, not having official custody or control of the books on which the credits are commanded to be entered.

In addition to these persuasive considerations, it cannot be forgotten that the power now asserted has been slumbering from the birth of the Constitution; and now, almost half a century from the organization of the Government, is for the first time called into requisition. How was it that Marbury, after his right to his commission was so strongly asserted by the Supreme Court, did not bethink himself of a resort for redress to the Circuit Court for the District of Columbia? Why is it that the numberless claimants whose accounts have been rejected at the Treasury, though asserted by them to be clearly warrantable by law, have not applied to this Court for its mandamus to compel the Auditor and Register to give them credits upon their books? Why did not the Bank of the United States, instead of agitating the country and threatening in the Capitol, apply to this Court for its mandamus to compel the Secretary of the Treasury to restore the public deposits, which, it was alleged, had been removed from it in contempt of law and in violation of the Constitution? Have none of these occasions been sufficient to rouse this giant power from its enduring slumber? Are its mighty arms to be flung aloft for the first time in vindication of Post Office extra allowances of doubtful legality and undoubted enormity, which have already been denounced by Congress and condemned by the nation?

The undersigned desists from a theme on which it is not pleasant to dwell. It has been his studied effort to avoid, as far as possible, expressions calculated to wound sensibility or create excitement. The voice of reason alone is worthy of a subject so comprehensive and so grave. If a sentence, or a word, is to be found in this paper which can justly be construed as disrespectful to the Court, or personally reproachful to any one, it has escaped through inadvertence, and conveys a meaning which was not intended.

AMOS KENDALL.  
Postmaster General.

JUNE 24, 1837.

OPINION OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL in relation to the power of the Circuit Court for the district of Columbia to issue a Mandamus to compel the Postmaster General to credit Messrs. Stockton & Stokes and others with a certain sum of money.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE, JUNE 19, 1837.

SIR: I have had the honor to receive your letter of the 7th inst. enclosing a printed copy of the opinion delivered by the Chief Judge of the Circuit Court of the District of Columbia for the county of Washington, upon the application of WILLIAM B. STOKES and others for a writ of mandamus, to be directed to the Postmaster General of the United States, and requesting me to examine it and to inform you, whether I find anything therein to change the opinion heretofore expressed by me, relative to the jurisdiction of the Court over the matter now in question.

Pursuant to this request, I have examined the paper referred to me, with the attention and respect due to its author and to the Court of which he is the organ; but, after the fullest consideration which I have been able to give to the arguments contained in it, I still adhere to the opinion, that the Court had no power to issue the writ in question.

The case proposed by you, in your communication of the 29th ultimo, and now presented, relates to the power of the Circuit Court of this District to issue a mandamus to the Postmaster General—an executive officer of the United States—for the purpose of compelling him to perform an official act, alleged to have been enjoined upon him by a

special act of Congress, passed for the relief of the parties applying for the writ. This act treats exclusively of certain claims depending on the Post Office Department, and growing out of contracts with that department; it refers these claims to the Auditor of the Treasury for settlement; and it directs the Postmaster General, to credit the contractors with whatever sum of money, if any, the Auditor shall decide to be due them. The duty imposed by this law is, therefore, in every sense, an official duty; it relates to the business of his Department; it is imposed on him by his name of office. The Auditor of the Treasury has made an award, by which he decides that certain sums of money are due to the contractors, and the Postmaster General has credited them with a part of these sums; but, for reasons satisfactory to his own judgment and sense of duty, has refused to credit the balance, until directed so to do by a further act of Congress. The contractors have applied to the late President of the United States to take order, by virtue of his constitutional duty to see the laws faithfully executed, for the crediting of the balance; but, being satisfied with the course of the Postmaster General, he declined making any such order, and referred the parties to Congress for further legislative directions. The like application has been made to the present Chief Magistrate who deemed it inexpedient to interfere with the disposition of the subject made by his predecessor; and the parties now apply to the Circuit Court of this District for an order, in the form of a writ of mandamus, to the Postmaster General, to credit and pay the balance of the Auditor's award, on the ground that this is a mere ministerial act, to the performance of which the applicants have a fixed legal right, under the act of Congress as it now stands, and for which they have no other adequate legal remedy. The Court has so far adopted these views as to issue an alternative mandamus, commanding the Postmaster General to give the credit applied for, or to show cause why he has not done so; but it has reserved the question whether the mandamus shall issue to command the payment of the balance, for further consideration, when the result of the first writ shall have been ascertained.

In my former communication it was shown, that according to the decisions of the Supreme Court of the United States, in the cases of *McIntyre vs. Wood*, (7 Cranch, 504,) and *McClung vs. Silliman*, (6 Wheaton, 598,) the circuit courts of the United States, out of the District of Columbia, have no jurisdiction, under the laws now in force, to issue a writ of mandamus to an officer of the executive department; and the opinion was expressed, that the acts of Congress organizing the Circuit Court of this District and regulating its jurisdiction, though they conferred some powers not delegated to the other circuit courts, did not in express terms, or by any general grant of power, authorize it to issue a writ of mandamus to an executive officer of the United States; and therefore, that its jurisdiction, in this respect, was the same with that of the other circuit courts.

The character and effect of the decisions referred to, as to the other circuit courts, and the necessity of proving, before the writ applied for can be issued by the Circuit Court of this District, that Congress have conferred on it a jurisdiction, in this particular, not possessed by those courts, are fully admitted in the opinion before me; and the Court would doubtless have come to the like conclusion with me, had it taken the like view of the acts of Congress regulating its jurisdiction. The opinion maintains, that the power and jurisdiction conferred on this Court are much more comprehensive than those possessed by the other circuit courts, and sufficiently so to include the power in question. To establish this, a comparison is instituted between the acts of Congress relative to those courts; and the result of this comparison, aided by inferences drawn from the language of the Supreme Court in the cases referred to, is supposed to be in favor of the jurisdiction claimed by this Court.

The result in my opinion, is directly the reverse. The power and jurisdiction of the ordinary circuit courts of the United States, so far as regards this subject, depends on the following clauses of the 11th and 14th sections of the judiciary act of 1789.

The 11th section provides "that the circuit courts shall have original cognizance, concurrent with the courts of the several States of all suits of a civil nature, at common law, or in equity, where the matter in dispute exceeds, exclusive of costs, the sum or value of five hundred dollars, and the United States are plaintiffs or petitioners; or an alien is a party, or the dispute between a citizen of the State where the suit is brought and a citizen of another State."

The 14th section enacts, "that all the before mentioned courts of the United States shall have power to issue writs of scire facias, habeas corpus, and all other writs not specially provided for by statute, which may be necessary for the exercise of their respective jurisdictions, and agreeable to the principles and usages of law."

On these provisions, the Supreme Court held, in the case of *McIntyre vs. Wood*, (7 Cranch, 504,) that the Circuit Court of Ohio did not possess the power to issue a mandamus to the Register of the Land Office.—The power of the circuit courts, under the general words of the 14th section, to issue writs of mandamus in some cases was not denied; but it was held, that the power was confined exclusively to cases in which the writ might be necessary to the exercise of their jurisdiction.

By this was meant, as explained in the subsequent case of *McClung vs. Silliman*, (6 Wheaton, 598,) that the mandamus can only be issued "in cases where the jurisdiction already exists, and not where it is to be created or acquired by means of the writ proposed to be sued out."

The powers and jurisdiction of the Circuit Court of the United States, so far as regards the present question, are conferred by the 3d and 5th sections of the act of 1789.

The material part of the 3d section is as follows: "That there shall be a Court in the said District, which shall be called the Circuit Court of the District of Columbia; and the said court, and the judges thereof, shall have all the powers vested in the circuit courts, and of all the judges of the circuit courts of the United States; and that the tenth and eleventh sections of that act were far more comprehensive than the act of 1789,

organizing the former circuit courts, and covered the whole ground of the Constitution; and that if they had been in full force when the case of *McIntyre vs. Wood* arose, the decision in that case would probably have been different; and the proposition is advanced, that "although the act of February 13th, 1801, was repealed by the act of 1802, yet the repeal did not in any manner affect the powers or jurisdiction of this Court, given by the act of the 27th of February, 1801."

In the subordinate place assigned to this argument, it does not seem to be much relied on by the Court; and, in my judgment, it is wholly untenable.

very distinctly assigned for this distinction; but it appears to rest on the use of the word "cases," in that clause of the Constitution which provides that the judicial power of the United States "shall extend to all cases in law and equity under the Constitution and laws of the United States, &c." But according to the Supreme Court of the United States, and to the opinions of other expositors of the Constitution, the word "case" means neither more nor less than the word "suit." Mr. Justice STORY, in his commentaries (vol. iii, p. 507) in answer to the inquiry what constitutes a case within the meaning of the clause, remarks, that "a case, in the sense of this clause, arises when some subject, touching the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States, is submitted to the Courts by a party, who asserts his rights in a form prescribed by law. In other words, a case is a suit in law or equity, instituted according to the regular course of judicial proceedings; and when it involves any question arising under the Constitution, laws, or treaties of the United States, it is within the judicial power confided to the Union." And for this, he cites the decisions of the Supreme Court and other authorities. On the other hand, the Supreme Court held, in 2 Peters, 464, that the word "suit," used in the 25th section of the judiciary act, applies to any proceeding in a court of justice, by which an individual pursues that remedy in a court of justice which the law allows him. It seems therefore to be settled, that the words are substantially convertible terms, the one referring to the *substantially matter* of a judicial proceeding, and the other to the *proceeding* on such subject matter.

The words of the two acts having substantially the same, can there be any difference in their legal effect? And if the words used in the 11th section of the act of 1789, do not cover the whole ground of the Constitution, and therefore do not authorize the issuing of a mandamus to an executive officer of the United States as an original remedy, as has been adjudged by the Supreme Court, how, without overruling the decisions of that court, can words of precisely the same import in the 5th section of the act of 1801, be held to cover the whole ground, and to authorize the issuing of such a writ?

It may be admitted, that under the words above quoted from the 5th section, taken in connection with the first section of the same act, which declares that the laws of Virginia and Maryland, as they existed at the date of the act, shall continue and be in force in the parts of the district ceded by those States respectively, the Court may lawfully issue writs of mandamus, even as original process, in all cases, arising between individuals, both or either of whom are resident or may be found within the District, in which by the law of Virginia, or of Maryland, as the case may be, such writs could be issued. If this be so, as I incline to think it is, it is because this remedy existed as a part of the adopted local law, which is declared to remain in force, and to which, for the purpose of this

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**NOTICE.**—A meeting of the Democratic County Committee of Suffolk, will be held at Concert Hall on Friday evening, the 21st inst., at 8 o'clock. A punctual attendance is requested.

P. DUNBAR, Chairman.

S. J. THOMAS, Secretary.

**The Mandamus Case.**—We have received a pamphlet containing the letter of the Postmaster General to Judge Cranch, Chief Justice of the Circuit Court for the District of Columbia, together with the opinion of the Attorney General in reference to the power of that court to control Executive officers of the U. S. in the performance of their official duties; also containing an exposition of the reasons of the Postmaster General for refusing to execute a part of the award of the late Solicitor in favor of Stockton, Stokes and others. All these important papers are now in course of publication in our columns. They should be carefully read by the American people. Similar attempts were made by the Judiciary to usurp Executive powers when Mr. Jefferson and Mr. Madison were in office, but they were successfully resisted by these inflexible republicans, and the people sustained them in their resistance; the people will also sustain the present Executive in following the course pursued by Jefferson and Madison.—  
The N. H. Gazette, in speaking of the conduct of the court, says—

"This assumption in behalf of the relators to settle the ground of their claim, is absurd enough in itself, but is of little consequence to the public, when compared with the claims which a portion of the Judiciary have set up to control the Supreme Executive of the Union, a branch of the government constitutionally as independent of the Judiciary, in its official capacity, to say the least, as the Judiciary is of the Executive. If there be a power <sup>to</sup> impeach <sup>over</sup> whose duty it is to control the supreme Executive, and to set bounds to his official acts, where is this to end? Might not the Executive power be as well placed at once in the hands of the Chief Justice, and thus have a President for life *de jure* as well as *de facto*, and forever alter the course of Presidential elections? Of what use is an Executive, more than a mere autocrat, if a superior power, not dissimilar to that of the Roman pontiff, may at will interpose and arrest its arm,—point out its line of duty, and dictate the manner in which it is to be performed? If there be such a power it appears to us that this is the crisis in which the subject will be brought fairly before the people, and if they are now to find that they have been constitutionally erected and installed such a power for life when they supposed they had established the three great branches of the government, viz., the Legislative, the Executive, and Judiciary, as co-ordinate and independent of each other, it will be time to apply a remedy or to give up their elective control."

**The Mandamus Case.**—The National Intelligence states that the Postmaster General has taken an appeal from the judgment of the Circuit Court in the case of Mandamus, to the Supreme Court of the United States, and entered into bonds on Saturday last for the prosecution of the appeal.

**The Exploring Expedition.**—We have never believed it the intention of the Secretary of the Navy to defeat, or embarrass, by unnecessary precautions, this national enterprise. He has had difficulties to contend with of which the public may not be fully aware, and which will, when understood, go far to exonerate his official conduct from those charges brought against him, in many instances, by popular ignorance and private hostility.

The commander of this expedition embarrassed it, almost irretrievably, in its first stages, by peremptorily insisting on the right to appoint its officers, and, in pursuance of this unprecedented assumption of power, objecting to the appointments of Lieutenants Slidell and Wilkes. The injustice done these meritorious officers naturally aroused the resentment of their companions, and the result is, that very few officers of that grade can be induced to go under the present circumstances. Were the ships, in all other respects, ready to sail to-morrow, they are not half officered, nor can they be completely provided for in this respect, unless officers are forced under the command of one whose official deportment has excited a strong prejudice against him. It would, indeed, be unjust to hold the Secretary accountable for results brought about solely by the arrogance and vanity of others.

Nor ought the Secretary, in our opinion, to be held responsible for any delays growing out of the questionable fitness of the Barques for the enterprise. They were built without any instructions from him that could possibly affect their character; nor were the skill and experience of the Board of Commissioners officially consulted in their architecture. They were planned and built under the special instructions of Capt. Jones, and if unfit for the service intended, he, more than all others, is responsible.

As for their qualities, Capt. Tattnall is the only officer who has fully brought them to the test of experiment, and his decision was sufficiently unfavorable to compel his own resignation. His experience was, indeed, confined to one of them; but they have both the same model, and so far as their merits are concerned, must share the same sentence.

Col. S. Sumner.—The Boston Statesman and Morning Post—Uncompromising defenders of sound democracy.

Hiram Bent.—Whiggy and Aristocracy—two twin sisters, used as a pair of political wheels to roll demagogues into office.

The President.—Let all do something in order to produce something; by this means all will have something.

Col. Sumner.—Democracy—May its course be onward, and Massachusetts soon embrace its principles.

Handed in for publication.—Stopping specie payment—The struggle of monopoly to sustain itself in its unjust policy.

A. Hunt.—The memory of those heroes who exhausted life and encountered death to secure the triumph of that freedom in which we this day rejoice—may it be ever cherished by a grateful people.

Many other toasts were given which were not hand-ed in.

**The Fourth of July** was celebrated at Columbus, Ga., with great glee. Among the guests was Gen. Lamar, Vice President of Texas. The Columbus Herald says—

"After the cloth was removed, Gen. Lamar being called to the floor by the complimentary character of the fourth regular toast, addressed the company in a speech of great length, which was delivered with all the fire of enthusiasm, and replete with thoughts of burning eloquence, elegant and classic in its diction, easy and graceful in its style, presenting a subject for contemplation full of deep feeling and high excitement; accurate and instructive in its historical recollection of the infant republic of Texas, and bedecked with beautiful, rich flowers of poesy, springing luxuriantly from a fertile and brilliant imagination, caught the ear, bewildered the spirit, rapt the fancy and swayed from their accustomed moorings the entire faculties of the hearer,—so that he yielded himself the wild, but willing captive to the spirit of eloquence."

If Mr. Webster's flatters can beat this they will do well. The following sentiment was offered by Gen. Lamar:—

Mr. Gouge went out of his way in his late pamphlet on the currency to rap Mr. Whitney over the knuckles, for which Mr. Whitney has published a letter in the *Globe*, giving Mr. Gouge "full as good as he sent."

A ruffian who gave his name as Abraham Winner, lately murdered a young gentleman at Columbus, Ohio, with whom he was disputing, by stabbing him with a dirk-knife.

**A Bull.**—A Quack doctor, who had invented a remedy for sore eyes, headed his advertisement, "Let every blind man look at this!"

The Pennsylvania Reform Convention sat sixty-two days, and effected nothing.

The great ship was to have been launched at Philadelphia on Tuesday last.

**MILFORD DEMOCRATIC CELEBRATION.**

The 61st anniversary of American Independence was noticed by the republicans of Milford with appropriate manifestations of respect, though they had intended to let it pass in silence until a day or two previous to its approach. But notwithstanding the shortness of the time for preparation, it was conducted in a manner highly satisfactory to all present, and evinced no decline of devotion to the cause of freedom and democracy. Union and harmony of feeling and sentiment characterized their proceedings. The Oration was delivered with energy and feeling. It was replete with touching pathos and good sense. The situation of the country was brought to view previous to the Declaration of Independence—the causes which led to it—and the establishment of peace. Then tracing the history of the country down to the present time, briefly alluding to the last war, the orator closed by noticing some of the leading political topics of the day, and calling upon his hearers, as citizens of the United States, to be, as were their fathers, ever vigilant in defence of their rights, and unwavering in their opposition to the unjust, unequal, and ruinous measures of the aristocracy. Much interest was added to the occasion by the excellent performances of the music, which consisted of the Milford choir, assisted by Col. Newhall and others of Boston. The performances at the church were as follows:—

1. Introductory by the Choir.
2. Prayer by Mr. Morse.
3. Ode sung by the Choir.
4. Reading of the Declaration by Andrew J. Sumner.
5. Ode, sung by Mrs. Baker of Boston.
6. Oration by Mr. Morse.
7. Closed by the Choir.

After which, under the direction of the Marshals, Majors J. Corbett and O. Underwood, the company proceeded in procession from the church to the Hall, where they took of a splendid entertainment. And though Mr. Cook, their host, had but a short time for preparation, yet it was done up in good style, in both quantity and quality. After the dishes were removed the following regular toasts were read by the Toastmaster, Capt. Henry Nelson:—

1. The Day we celebrate—May its mention ever fill the bosom of the American citizen with the purest flame of patriotism and devotion to country.

2. The Constitution of the United States—Framed to protect alike the rich and the poor, and not an exclusive few—though it has lived nearly to the age of man, yet may time develop the truth, that it is still in its infancy.

3. The President of the United States—He has conducted bravely for the people, triumphed over treachery and intrigue, and now gloriously leads the Van.

4. The Vice President of the United States—The brave soldier and experienced statesman.

5. Gen. Jackson—Having retired from the Presidency of the United States, may the services he has rendered his country yield him pleasure and satisfaction during the remainder of his life.

6. Our Post Master General—A trustworthy business man; he merits our gratitude for the many improvements he has made, but especially for detecting the *unreasonable specification* for unreasonable extra services.

7. The heads of the various departments of the General Government—May they perform their several duties according to the literal construction of the Constitution.

8. Daniel Webster.—The disappointed officer seeker—like a ship wrecked on a rock, masts broken, rigging torn to pieces, and hull cracked. May he learn that the people prefer a man of true principles to stand at the helm of our country.

9. Hard times—what shall we do? Bear up like men under the unjust measures of the *monopolizing aristocracy*, until they shall be counteracted, and the ship currency righted.

10. The good old ship *Massachusetts*.—Her sails are shivering in the wind—we think the November breeze will bear her away to join the Democracy of the Union.

11. The American Countersign—Measures not money—not paper.

12. Our Army and Navy—Faithful sentinels upon our watch tower.

13. The Ladies—Ever anxious to alleviate the cares of those who delight in protecting them—why should we exclaim *hard times*, when we have such fair—(fare.)

After the regular toasts, the following volunteers were given:—

Esq. Hunt, the President of the day, being called upon, arose, and after expressing his satisfaction in meeting again so many of his fellow citizens in honor of the interesting occasion, gave the following sentiment:—

The Farmers—May they be prosperous and happy.

Capt. H. Nelson—H. Clay, J. C. Calhoun and D. Webster the god-like—three disappointed politicians; they have run hard for the Presidential chair, but the people say no, we won't have these men to rule over this nation.

O. Underwood—Marcus Morton—A tried friend of democracy, may be soon stand at the helm of the ship Massachusetts, and guide her safe into port.

Orator of the day—The gentlemen and ladies present—I am somewhat a stranger in your midst, yet I am happy in this manifestation that you are not insensible of your duty to your country, nor of the gratitude due to our patriotic fathers.

Col. S. Sumner.—The Boston Statesman and Morning Post—Uncompromising defenders of sound democracy.

Hiram Bent.—Whiggy and Aristocracy—two twin sisters, used as a pair of political wheels to roll demagogues into office.

The President.—Let all do something in order to produce something; by this means all will have something.

Col. Sumner.—Democracy—May its course be onward, and Massachusetts soon embrace its principles.

Handed in for publication.—Stopping specie payment—The struggle of monopoly to sustain itself in its unjust policy.

A. Hunt.—The memory of those heroes who exhausted life and encountered death to secure the triumph of that freedom in which we this day rejoice—may it be ever cherished by a grateful people.

Many other toasts were given which were not hand-ed in.

**The Fourth of July** was celebrated at Columbus, Ga., with great glee. Among the guests was Gen. Lamar, Vice President of Texas. The Columbus Herald says—

"After the cloth was removed, Gen. Lamar being called to the floor by the complimentary character of the fourth regular toast, addressed the company in a speech of great length, which was delivered with all the fire of enthusiasm, and replete with thoughts of burning eloquence, elegant and classic in its diction, easy and graceful in its style, presenting a subject for contemplation full of deep feeling and high excitement; accurate and instructive in its historical recollection of the infant republic of Texas, and bedecked with beautiful, rich flowers of poesy, springing luxuriantly from a fertile and brilliant imagination, caught the ear, bewildered the spirit, rapt the fancy and swayed from their accustomed moorings the entire faculties of the hearer,—so that he yielded himself the wild, but willing captive to the spirit of eloquence."

If Mr. Webster's flatters can beat this they will do well. The following sentiment was offered by Gen. Lamar:—

Mr. Gouge went out of his way in his late pamphlet on the currency to rap Mr. Whitney over the knuckles, for which Mr. Whitney has published a letter in the *Globe*, giving Mr. Gouge "full as good as he sent."

A ruffian who gave his name as Abraham Winner, lately murdered a young gentleman at Columbus, Ohio, with whom he was disputing, by stabbing him with a dirk-knife.

**A Bull.**—A Quack doctor, who had invented a remedy for sore eyes, headed his advertisement, "Let every blind man look at this!"

The Pennsylvania Reform Convention sat sixty-two days, and effected nothing.

The great ship was to have been launched at Philadelphia on Tuesday last.

**MUNICIPAL COURT.**

**Alleged Fraud on an Insurance Office—Continued.**—State v. S. & A. B. Drake, of North Bridgewater.—Tuesday.—It was proposed for the defense, to prove by Mr. Gray, of North Bridgewater, that Simon Drake, after having had an interview with Mr. Cartwright, of the Manufacturers' Insurance Company, made certain declarations, showing the construction he had put upon Mr. Cartwright's request to get copies or duplicates of his bills of pur chase. This evidence was objected to by Mr. Parker, and ruled out by the court.

William Hill—2d cousin of defendants—when the store in North Bridgewater was first opened, I was employed there in November, went with Simon Drake to purchase goods in Charles Cove's store—helped select some silks—Mr. Drake purchased a large bill, and paid for it. Can't tell how much the bill was for; can't say whether it was over \$20, or not. The business was transacted with Merrill, the witness who was on the stand yesterday.

Thomas Packard—of North Bridgewater—had been in Cowell's store, where Merrill was there, and had seen S. Drake purchase goods, which were put up in a package, and directed to S. & B. Drake.

Mr. Hopkins, of the firm of Somner & Hopkins, testified that the defendants applied to him for a general statement of their dealings with them, which was furnished.

Mr. Choate, for the defence, made two principal points—first, that there was not a particle of proof that the defendants had obtained a cent from the Insurance Company, which was not their due; and secondly that the natural presumption from all the circumstances was that Mr. Cartwright only required such memoranda as would enable him to estimate the loss he had sustained by fire.

Mr. Parker, argued, that when the defendants handed into the Insurance office their pretended bills of parcels, that they claimed the whole insurance of \$340; and that they had taken the names of persons of whom they had made purchases, and made out bills in their names, and to a little truth added an immense amount of falsehood to swell and exaggerate their exhibit of losses.

Judge Thacher charged the jury generally upon the facts, which bore unfavorably upon the prisoners; but still if the jury should be of opinion that they had only acted indiscreetly, and without any intention of committing a fraud upon the Insurance Company, then they must be acquitted.

The jury went out at 6 o'clock, and at 7 the Court adjourned, without receiving the verdict, if any were found.

From the Philadelphia Gazette.

**TWO DAYS LATER FROM LIVERPOOL.**

By the packet ship Pocahontas, which left Liverpool on the 8th June, we have received Liverpool papers of the 8th and London of the 7th ult.

No later news from the United States had arrived previous to the P. S. sailing. The intelligence of the suspension of specie payments by the banks had not been received.

Another large American house had stopped payment at London, name not given, and several heavy failures are announced at Liverpool, the names of which are not reported.

The report of the failure of the Bank of England to pay specie, is premature.

Liverpool Cotton Market, June 7th.—There has been a good demand since last week. Friday's sales were particularly large, and in some instances an advance of  $\frac{1}{2}$  to  $\frac{1}{4}$  per lb took place, but on Saturday the unfavorable news from London had the effect of neutralizing the advance.

The accounts of Thos. Wilson & Co., exhibit a balance to meet private loan of 406,000L and capital of £678,000. Of T. Wiggin & Co., to meet private loan of £290,000 and capital £484,400. Of Wildes & Co., to meet private loans of 312,000L and capital, £578,000.

**Shoeing Casualty.**—Edward Carroll, formerly of Charleston, S. C., died at Barnwell on the 11th inst. The occasion of his death is thus related in the Charleston Courier. He had been appointed to deliver the Fourth of July oration, in the neighboring town of Aiken. At day-light, on the 3d inst., he entered his sulky, with the intent to start for Aiken, but scarcely had he seated himself, when his horse dashed off, and after running about 10 yards, brought the sulky in contact with a tree. The shock threw Mr. Carroll out upon one of the wheels, and his legs became entangled in the spokes; and the horse continuing to run, Mr. C. was whirled round six or eight times, his head striking each time against the ground, which was very hard. In this situation he was kept until his leg was snapped off, and the spokes of the wheel breaking at the same time, he became disengaged from the sulky. It was so early in the morning that few of the villagers were up; but the noise soon brought many to the spot to sympathize with and aid the sufferer. Mr. C. was then in possession of his senses, and continued so for several hours afterward. His leg was immediately set, and everything was done, which skillful medical assistance, and numerous friendly attentions, could devise. All was, however, in vain. The severe contusion of his head brought on a fever of the brain, and after lingering for a state of insensibility for seven days, he breathed his last at one o'clock on Sunday afternoon last.

**Melancholy Occurrence.**—On Tuesday night last, Dr. William A. Finley, of this borough, termin'd his life by throwing himself from a window in the third story of his dwelling, upon the pavement, while in a state of temporary derangement. Dr. Finley was a man of talents, education and skill as a physician, and had added another to the long list of those whom nature designed for eminent usefulness in their day and generation, but who have fallen victims to that arch enemy of the human race, that seems to delight in quenching the fire of genius and brightening earth's fairest ornaments.—Chambersburg, Penn. Whig, July 14.

**The City Government.**—Every individual in the Councils of the city, as well as most of the officers in its service, are bound by *solemn oath*, duly administered, to execute such laws as are in force, or such as may be constitutionally enacted thereafter; so long therefore as the Mayor, Aldermen, Common Councilmen, City Solicitor, Marshal, and other executive officers continue in office, they are responsible for the exact fulfillment of their duty, and their whole duty, according to the *Laws*, however unpleasant such enforcement may be, or violate both duty and OATH!—*Mercantile Journal*.

**Disgraceful.**—We learn that there was a large collection of men and boys on the Common last night, whose behavior was anything but quiet and orderly. They afterward passed



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and Druggist, composed principally of  
roots and aromatic herbs. The flavor of  
this Snuff is fragrant and delightful; it  
gently opens the head and sensibly stimu-  
lates the spirits; and is known to be an  
essential service to most who are trou-  
bled with long, dull nervous headache.

In cases of Catarrh, a pinch or two  
taken at night, will remove all obstruc-  
tions before morning; it is a most excel-  
lent remedy in hypochondriac or vapors,  
in a warm atmosphere or after a fatig-  
uing walk or ride—*and in dimness of eye-*  
*sight occasions of increased irritability,*  
*and all sedentary persons will find it a*  
*convenient and cheering relief from that*  
*fatigue which accompanies a long sitting*  
*or much reading.*

This superior article is recommended  
by Dr E. Waterhouse, late Professor of  
the theory and practice of physic in Har-  
vard University, and is sold at the cor-  
ner of Milk and Bath streets, opposite Pearl street; price 50  
cents and 25 cents a bottle.

N. B.—There is another article under this title, therefore  
be sure you ask for that prepared and recommended as above.  
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THIS ORIGINAL OPODELDO is considered by the first physi-  
cian in the country to rank him among any other compo-  
sition in existence for the following complaints, viz.—Bruises,  
Sprains, Gout, Rheumatism, Numbness, Suffocation,  
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(after the swelling has subsided) in a greater degree than any  
other remedy known.

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the fountain head and at wholesale prices, will find more prof-  
it in the sales than on any of the imitations, besides having  
the satisfaction of selling to their customers the genuine article.

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Emulsion, under other names, most of which are entirely  
worthless; eschew the whole of them and purchase only the  
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Edinburgh, may be consulted on all diseases incident to the  
human frame. Patients who are incapable from infirmity of  
attending personally upon Dr H. can, by sending a particular  
statement of their case, be told whether they are curable or  
not.

"Medicine without principles is an humble Art, and a de-  
grading occupation."

Dr Heber having arrived in America for the purpose of  
taking a tour through it, and seeing in every place he visited  
so many invalids laboring under different complaints, and so  
many who have ruined their constitutions by applying to ad-  
vised nostrums, respectively informs the citizens that he  
has returned to the city of Boston and intends remaining for  
the purpose of rendering his services to the afflicted.

Dr H. may be consulted at his apartments, No. 2  
Suffolk place, 17 Bedford street, *JULY* 10 from 10 in the  
morning to 3 in the evening. The Doctor wishes every per-  
son who may consult him, to make timely application.

The advantages the Physician has of acquiring a knowl-  
edge of different diseases, have been far greater than general  
fails to the lot of any individual. From his peculiar mode of  
treatment, his professional celebrity has been established;  
and since his arrival in America, gratitude arises from a thou-  
sand hearts and has been a sweet enjoyment.

Report of patients relieved and cured by Dr Heber since  
his arrival in the U. States.—Asthma 36—Asthma (periodical),  
constitutional and spasmodic 70—Blindness, from various causes,  
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tract White Swelling, 68—Consumption, 80—Deafness, 54—  
Diseases of Infants, 63—Giddiness, 67—Gout, 52—Headache,  
51—Lumbago, 52—Sciurey, 68—Gravel, 75—Ulcerated Sore  
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covered.

These Pills are composed entirely of materials extracted  
from Medical Plants, and are warranted not to contain the  
pernicious and dangerous mineral substance. Dr Kingley,  
the inventor of this valuable preparation, in his letter to the  
Human System, derived from a long and extensive practice,  
has arrived to the conclusion, that the great and primary  
cause of most diseases is a derangement in the functions of  
the liver; or, in other words, an increased or diminished se-  
cretion of the bile.

So well is this understood, that it is common for persons to  
say when they feel unwell, that they are giddy, meaning  
that they have too much bile in the stomach. On the other  
hand, when the flow of bile is diminished, the process of di-  
gestion is imperfectly performed, the patient becomes weak  
and emaciated, because nourishment contained in the food  
is ejected in a crude state. Dr Kingley is confident that the  
famous Hypocrite Theologian, who said "Bile is the cause of all  
diseases," is in great absurdity.

Every one who reflects upon the subject a moment, will perceive that  
impurity of the blood is a secondary, not a primary complaint  
—the effect not the cause of disease. When the functions  
of the liver are deranged, and the flow of bile increased, it is  
often taken up by the absorbent vessels and carried into the  
circulation, and becomes mingled with the blood as in the  
case, when the patient shows it in his countenance. Now this  
impurity of the blood is caused by an increased flow of the  
bile, and to remedy it you must correct the secretion of the  
liver, and restore it to a healthy state.

Dr Kingley has spent much time in experimenting with dif-  
ferent vegetable medicines, and now offers his Universal Family Pills as the best, most economical  
and cheapest medicine that can be prepared for general use; and in offering them to the public, he is actuated more by benevolent than pecuniary motives, as the price of the medicine  
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vegetable medicines has enabled him to discover the true and  
only substitute answering all the purposes of mercurials,  
without any of their attendant evils. One great quality of  
his Family Pills is that they have the alterative principle  
combined with their cathartic or operative quality, so that  
they not only cleanse the stomach and bowels by purging, but  
they also strengthen the liver, change the morbid secretions, strength-  
en the digestive organs, invigorate the circulation, and  
give tone and energy to the entire system.

They are mild and pleasant in their operation, and convey  
almost immediate conviction of their utility from the first dose.  
They can be taken with safety by persons of any age, and the  
feebler, the infirm, the nervous, the delicate, are strengthened  
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